THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER XXVII. VARIED ADVENTURES

"I am ready to proceed now," answered Philip, with a sigh. "Full of sorrow as I am, I could not sleep; the anguish of my heart seeks alleviation in motion. It is, besides, all important to reach the settlement before the Indiana." "Right you air, sir, in that, and no mistake. If Gomez and Red Bear get alongside o' Jerry and have their will of him, all I can say is that you have had your four thousand mile journey to no purpose."

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"Not till I have beached this 'ere cance and marked the place," returned the trapper, drawing the light skiff into a recess between two rocky ledges, where it was likely to elude common observation. Then with his knife he cut a triangle on the bark of the tree which overhung the place, and these simple precautions having been taken they were ready to start. No indication had been noticed by either that the spot where they had landed was other than giving up to the deepest forest solitude. The cry of a night bird or of some prowing animal was occasionally heard, but no sound suggestive of human presence. They deemed it therefore comparatively safe to ascend the steep bank of the river, and strike into the forest in a direction which Steive calculated would bring them to the shores of the broader and unore magnificent Kentucky river.

In less than two hours, as the trapper had predicted, the dawn broke, as they could discover by the rosy light which tipped the tree-tops and the paling of the brilliance of the stars, when a chance opening revealed to them a glimpse of the far-off sky. The dim but gradually increasing light was welcome to Phulip, who felt uncomfortable in groping the way through the dense gloom. Indeed, he wondered how Steive could find a way for them both, and conjectured that he must be going entirely at random. But Steive was doing nothing of the kind. He might not be keeping caretly as straight as a "bee line," but by an instinct born of long years of forest rambling he diverged very, little from the course he intended to pursue, as he knew by the rising of the sun at the very point of the horizon where he excepted him to show himself.

By the time the latter had risen fairly above the trees, and was sending slanting rays of golden radiance through the thinner branches, the two travellers felt considerably tired and still more hungry, though the chance of obtaining breakfast seemed asmall one. They had been deprived of their stock of provisio

it, and how should he ever tell the tale at Rockstone?

He was suddenly recalled from his sad musings by the trapper clutching his arm with violence and dragging him vehemently back for several steps. The youth turned a look of questioning wonder on the other's face to discover the cause of this singular conduct, when steive pressed his finger to his lips as a warning to keep silent.

"Follow me to the brow o' that 'ere eminence," he whispered; "but as you value your life don't break atwig or show yourself."

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Philip, wholly at a loss to know the meaning of the proceeding, implicitly followed Steive's example in laying himself flat on his face and drawing himself along the ground in this position.

It was a gentle ascent, where the trees were thinly planted and ceased altogether on the verge of a crag, where the view beyond promised to be uninterrupted, but where the trees terminated, low bushes grew in tuited clumps, between the openings of which they made their way slowly and with a caution which indicated to Philip that a dangerous enemy was near. At length Steive stopped, and raised his head with almost imperceptible motion till he could see over the erag behind which they lay. Philip did the same, and beheld in the hollow below a large party of Indians collected round a camp fire. His first thought was that it was the band who had left the village on the war path the night before, but a few moments of steady observation. village on the war path the night before For Shaving, without the but a few moments of steady observatio showed him that in this supposition he was arong. They were quite different in head dress and in the colour of their paint, but they too were fully armed, and from the fact that there were no women or children with them, he judged that they also were on the war-trail.

Credit Valley Railway Meeting.

A meeting was held on Tuesday ever ing, July 7th, in school house, section No 4. Erin, for the purpose of discussing the Credit Valley Railway question. Mr. R. L. Campbell was called to the chair. Mr. G. Scott acted as Secretary. Moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Donald Mc. CET THE BEST! Mr. Clark, seconded by Ar. Lean, and carried unanimously, that all lawful means be used to defeat said railed to attend the polls to see that th voting is honestly conducted.

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